UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA Case No. 20-cv-954

FARHAD AZIMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAS DEL ROSSO and VITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

CONSENT MOTION TO
EXTEND TIME FOR
PLAINTIFF TO RESPOND TO
MOTION OF NON-PARTY
FIRST CITIZENS FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 6.1(a), Plaintiff Farhad Azima ("Plaintiff") respectfully requests and moves for an extension of time to respond to the Motion of Non-Party First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. ("First Citizens") for Protective Order, ECF No. 225, with the consent of First Citizens. In support of this motion, Plaintiff shows the following:

- 1. Plaintiff filed the complaint against Defendants on October 15, 2020. ECF No. 1.
- 2. The law firm of Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP ("Womble") is local and co-counsel on this matter along with counsel from the law firm of Miller & Chevalier Chartered.

- 3. On March 27, 2023, Plaintiff served First Citizens with a subpoena *duces tecum*. ECF No. 196-1.
- 4. On May 15, 2023, First Citizens moved for a protective order. ECF No. 225.
- 5. Counsel from Womble believe they may have a potential conflict in representing Plaintiff in its response to First Citizens' Motion for Protective Order and have conferred with counsel for First Citizens about the issue.
- 6. Counsel for First Citizens has agreed to extend Plaintiff's time to respond to First Citizens' Motion for a Protective Order until June 2, 2023, while the parties discuss the potential conflict and, if necessary, negotiate a waiver or find alternative counsel to sign the response to the Motion for Protective Order.
- 7. Plaintiff's response to the motion is due on May 30, 2023, and thus has not yet expired.
- 8. This motion is made for good cause and not for the purpose of delay.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court extend the deadline for Plaintiff to respond to First Citizens' Motion for Protective Order up to and including Friday, June 2, 2023.

This, the 30th day of May, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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